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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, OTRA, MASS, EC
SUBJECT: GOE COMMISSION ON C/V

REF: (A) MARCH 1 CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR. VIOLETTE, DIRECTOR
OF OPERATIONS, DSAA AND CHARGE CORR, AMEMBASSY QUITO;
(B) STATE 061856

1. CORR/VIOLETTE CONVERSATION (REF A) COVERED FEASIBILITY
OF A HIGH LEVEL GOE COMMISSION TO VISIT THE US TO DISCUSS
ARRANGEMENTS FOR PURCHASE OF C/V AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. AGREED
UPON IN PRINCIPLE WERE VISITS WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARIES WALTER SLOCUM AND MORTON ABRAMOWITZ OF DOD/ISA
AND LT. GEN. ERNEST GRAVES, DIRECTOR OF DSAA, AS WELL AS A
VISIT TO FT. BLISS AND A FIRING DEMONSTRATION OF THE C/V
SYSTEM.

2. UPON RETURN TO QUITO CHARGE INFORMED PRESIDENT POVEDA
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AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE ARRATA OF THE SUGGESTED CALLS FOR
THE COMMISSION, SAYING THAT THE CALLS THEMSELVES WERE NOT
DEFINITE BUT WERE AN INDICATION OF THE LEVEL OF PEOPLE THE
PROPOSED COMMISSION MIGHT HOPE TO SEE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT
THERE WOULD BE NO NEGOTIATION OF PRICE NOR DELIVERY LEAD
TIMES SINCE USG ALREADY COMMITTED TO PROVIDE BEST TERMS
POSSIBLE WITHIN THE LAW, AND THAT THERE WAS NO LIKELIHOOD

OF A MEETING WITH SECDEF BROWN. POVEDA AND ARRATA RESPONDED POSITIVELY AND INDICATED THEY WISHED COMMISSION TO TRAVEL ASAP.

3. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE COMMISSION WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING: VADM RENAN OLMEDO, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS; GEN RAUL CABRERA, ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF; BRIG. GEN. LUIS ABAD, AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF; AND BRIG. GEN. RAUL GOETSCHER, AIR FORCE. LTC RICHARD ADAMS, USMLO/AF REP, WILL TRAVEL AS ESCORT. ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE FLUENT IN ENGLISH. (COMMENT: MINDEF ARRATA WOULD JOIN THE COMMISSION IF A COURTESY CALL ON SEC BROWN BECAME POSSIBLE. HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO SO ON VERY SHORT NOTICE.).

4. IN ADDITION TO CALLS ON INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN PARA. 1, MISSION RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING CALLS/VISITS: CSA (COURTESY CALL BY EC ARMY COS); CNO (COURTESY CALL BY EC NAVY CNO); CSAF (COURTESY CALL BY EC AIR FORCE COS); DSAA STAFF; TOUR/ BRIEFING OF MICOM (REDSTONE ARSENAL), WITH MAJ. GEN. RACHMELER; TOUR/BRIEFING/CV DEMONSTRATION AT FT. BLISS.

5. GIVEN THE GREAT INFLUENCE OF OLMEDO, CABRERA AND ABAD WITHIN THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT, WE BELIEVE THAT SOME OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE MIGHT ALSO WISH TO MEET WITH THE ECUADOREANS TO GET A FIRST HAND IMPRESSION OF HOW THE ECUADOREAN MILITARY LEADERSHIP FEELS ABOUT SUCH THINGS AS THE RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS, THE BORDER
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DISPUTE WITH PERU, ARMS LIMITATIONS, ETC.

6. IN SPITE OF CHARGE WARNING THAT NO NEGOTIATION OF C/V PRICE/DELIVERY WILL BE POSSIBLE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE COMMISSION WILL ATTEMPT TO RAISE THE SUBJECT. USG REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO FEND OFF SUCH REQUESTS. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS ARE LIKELY TO BE RAISED BY THE COMMISSION (PARTICULARLY IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DSAA): LEAD TIMES ON FMS CASES ALREADY SIGNED; PURCHASE OF TRAINING AIRCRAFT (T-38); POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF TOW MISSILE SYSTEM; OVERHAUL OF EX-USS HOLDER AND PURCHASE OF SECOND DESTROYER; DEFECTIVE 106MM RR DELIVERED IN POL IMPACT SHIPMENT OF JAN 77; POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF OILER/TANKER OF APPROXIMATELY 1,500 TONS. TOW SECOND DESTROYER AND OILER/TANKER PURCHASES HAVE NOT BEEN PRESENTED TO EMBASSY IN ANY FORMAL MANNER, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN INFORMAL APPROACHES TO USMLO REPS WITH REGARD TO AVAILABILITY OF SUBJECT ITEMS.

7. EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE BIOGRAPHIC DATA OR FURTHER INFORMATION IF REQUIRED.

8. PLEASE INFORM US OF EARLIEST BEST DATES FOR VISIT AND

OF SCHEDULE OF CALLS AGREED UPON.
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